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SUBJECT: Arthur HAMAN

Arthur HAMAN is an Estonian national who arrived in Sweden via Finland in the fall of 1956. He told the Swedes a story of having escaped over the Soviet-Finnish frontier and also claimed to have been active in the anti-Soviet underground in Estonia. The Swedes did not accept his story and while permitting him to reside in Sweden, did not grant him Swedish citizenship. While in Sweden, he made contact with sources of this Agency and presented proposals involving his own return to the USSR and methods whereby he could put our intermediaries in touch with his anti-Soviet underground contacts in the Estonian SSR.

In September 1962, he came to the United States as a visitor for the purpose of attending the IX International Congress of Linguists. Actually, his real reasons for coming to the U. S. were to lay the groundwork for eventual immigration. Representatives of this Agency interviewed him during his visit on the basis of his earlier proposals and found his story of underground activities and his escape to be suspect, particularly with regard to those aspects of his statements which tied him to other persons and activities known to be under Soviet KGB control. He was polygraphed and the results of this examination confirmed the discrepancies in his story and the suspicion that he was at that time acting under KGB direction. Our findings were passed to the FBI and to the President of the Estonian National Council in the United States.

HAMAN then returned to Sweden, since no legal action could be taken against him. In early 1963 HAMAN left Sweden, reappeared briefly in Helsinki and then disappeared completely. His whereabouts were not known until an article signed by him appeared in Izvestia attacking the Estonian emigration and Western intelligence services. According to Izvestia, he was later given the post of professor at Tartu University in the Estonian SSR.

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In the summer of 1964, an American professor visiting Moscow reported to the U. S. Embassy that he had been approached by Arthur HAMAN with a proposal to work for the Soviet intelligence services. The professor was asked by Embassy officials to report this incident to the FBI upon his return to the U. S.

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